Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—You say that the final seniority list of Superintendents and the draft seniority list of First Division clerks has been issued and as regards the others, action is being taken. What is the reason for not preparing seniority list of other cadres ? Will you please take immediate action and have these lists also prepared and issued ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I made a detailed statement about the position regarding the seniority list of all categories of employees in the Road Motor vehicle department. I think we will be able to finalise seniority lists of others also.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri M. S. Krishnan is permitted to put Question No. 224 on behalf of Sri V. N. Patil.

Utilising the Indigenous Talent in M.I.S.L., Bhadravathi

224. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram) [On behalf of Sri V. N. Patil (Humnabad)].—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the Mysore Iron and Steel Works Limited, Bhadravathi, alone has engaged more than 50 German Technicians and if so, whether the figure of expenses on them reached more than Rs. 3 crores ;

(*b*) whether it is not possible for the Mysore Iron and Steel Works Limited, to engage indigenous talent ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that an aerodrome and an air strip has been constructed for the use of those German Technicians ; and if so, the cost of this Air Strip ;

(*d*) whether these German Technicians are indispensable to this Factory :

(*e*) the total number of German Technicians engaged by the Mysore Iron and Steel Works Limited ;

(f) whether the said number is not disproportionate to the nature of the work that is going to be turned out at Bhadravathi Iron and Steel Works Limited ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Not possible for the present.

(*c*) Aerodrome or an air Strip has not been constructed. But only facilities for landing and take off with a hangar for sheltering the four-seater aeroplane has been provided at a cost of Rs. 6,353.

(*d*) Yes. For proving the performance guarantees of the new plants as per the supply agreements. However, their services will be dispensed with as and when they complete their jobs.

(*e*) 25

(*f*) No.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—(ಅ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ನಿಜವಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ನಿಜವಲ್ಲವೆಂದರೆ ಅರ್ಥವೇನು? ಇವತ್ತಿನ ದಿವಸ ಆವರಿಗಾಗಿ ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡಿರುವುದು 3 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು, ನಿಜವಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಅರ್ಥವೇ? ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಕಮಿಟಿಯವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಂಥ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ? ನಿಮಗೆ ಎಗ್ಸ್ಯಾಕ್ಟಾಗಿ ಚೆಕ್‌ನಿಷಿಯನ್ಸ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಅಷ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದನ್ನಾದರೂ ತಾವು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—It is not correct, Sir. The actual number is only 25 and not 50. That is stated in reply (e). The amount that is spent so far on foreign technicians right from 1963 up till now is only 2 crores and not 3 crores.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಎರಡು ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಅಂದರೆ ಅಪ್ರಾಕ್ಸಿಮೇಟ್‌ಆಗಿ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನು (ಈ)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡಿ ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಚೆಕ್ನಿಷಿಯನ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇಂಜನಿಯರ್ಸ್ ಇವ್ವಾರೆ, ಅವರು ಬೇಕಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ, ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಅಷ್ಟಿದ್ದು ದುಡ್ಡು ತಿಂದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಕಮಿಟಿ ವರದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅಂದಮೇಲೆ ನೀವು ಹೇಳಿದ ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೂ, ಅವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ವರದಿಗೂ ವಿರೋಧವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Sir, we are bound by the agreement made at the time when we considered this expansion programme. Unless the machinery is erected and the unit is commissioned and the performance guarantee is issued, we cannot dispense with these pepole. And if we did not agree to employ these people, probably, we would not have got the loan from Germany, and we did not also have adequate technology for this particular project. It is foreign technology and unless there are foreign technicians and machinery imported from foreign countries, it is not possible for our people. It is true we have got engineers who have been trained in Austria and Germany. These trained engineers have been posted as under-study to foreign engineers. As soon as the foreign engineers have completed the erection and the plant is commissioned, our engineers will take over.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—May I take it that it is your opinion and it is at variance from the opinion expressed in the Report of the Estimates Committee of this House?

(No reply)

Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—With reference to answer to (b), do you mean to say that the present Works Manager is incapable of

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handling the affairs and those engineers who have come from abroad are better? Except one Mr. Hoothe who is drawing a fat salary of Rs.25,000 per month, the rest are all recruits who have recently come from the college. Do you think they are better than our engieeers ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—They are better than our engineers. That is why, we have secured these technicians from foreign countries.

Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—I take a challenge with the Minister. I will explain to him that it is not true. Our engineers, the Works Manager and superintendents who were sent abroad, were trained specially for this special steel project, but you say the German engineers who have come recently, are better. If the Minister wants, I will show him that they are just picking up work at Bhadravathi.

Sri C.K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.–For securing the performance guarantee you want to keep them eternally here or is there any time limit in the Collaboration agreement ? If so, what is the time limit and whether these people are performing their duties in accordance with the schedule time ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—They are performing their duties according to the terms of the agreement. Now the erection of machinery is over. Two more units have to be completed—the electric pig-iron plant and the annihilating and heat treatment plant. Immediately the erection and commissioning is over, the German technicians will not remain in the factory. We cannot give definite date. But roughly, within about six months they may complete it. Unless performance guarnatee is given we cannot send them away. We have invested crores of rupees. They will have to O. K. it and we must be satisfied about it. But according to my thinking, they may not remain for more than six months.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್.—(ಎ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಮೈನೂರು ಕಬ್ಬಿಣ ಮತ್ತು ಉಕ್ಕಿನ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 50 ಜನ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಜರ್ಮನ್ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞರು ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮೂರು ಕೋಟಿಗಿಂತಲೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಖರ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ? (ಬಿ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ದೇಶೀಯ ಮೆಧಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಧ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. What are the difficulties for the Government to say that it is not possible for the present ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—I have already replied to the first supplementary. Regarding the second one, I have already said that we are bound by an agreement to get the engineers from foreign countries because we don't have that technology.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಚ್ಯಾವಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಪರಪಾರ್ಮೆನ್ಸ್ ಗ್ಯಾರಂಟೀ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸದವರೆಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅಗ್ರಿಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಚೈನ್ ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡದೆ ಇದ್ದರೂ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ಗ್ಯಾರಂಟಿ ಬರುವವರೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಳ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅವರನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸ ಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—I want notice.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Is the Hon. Minister prepared to accept the statement made in the Estimates Committee Report on MISL which is as follows :—

> "As against 128 foreigners working in all the four steel plants of HSL during 1967-68, there were 53 foreigners at MISL. Vigorous steps should be taken to reduce dependence on foreign technicians and maximise self-reliance as soon as possible. MISL should try to selectively harness the technical talent and experience available in the country before seeking foreign technical assistance for specific purposes. It must be realised that foreign technical assistance by the very nature of it is expensive and should be used sparingly. Every effort should be made to train young Indian technicians and attract persons with merit and experience."

Is he also prepared to accept the statement that it has cost Rs. 3 crores ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—The MISL has given facts to the Committee which went into greater detail. They have taken into consideration all the technicians who came to India, attended to the work and went back. At present there are only 25. Some of them came in 1963 and left in 1964 after completing the work; some of them came in 1964 and left in 1966. At any particular time many foreign engineers have not been there in the Company.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—The report says that there were 53 foreigners in 1967-68.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Perhaps they have mixed up the whole question. Here they have tabled a question relating to German technicians. What the Report refers to is foreign technicians. Foreign technicians include BOHLERS from Austria who are 70 in number.

Textile Mills licensed and registered under the Co-operative Act

236. Sri R. G. WALI (Hubli).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Textile Mills licensed and registered under the Mysore Co-operative Societies Act ;

(*b*) the extent of financial assistance given to each textile mills ;

(*c*) the number of them that are functioning now ;

(*d*) the action taken to see that the Mills which are not now working start working ?